Dear Parents & Friends,

Congratulations to Jack and Lydia who have been elected School Captains and to Clancy and Leah who are our new Vice School Captains. I am looking forward to working with them this year.

**Swimming**
Swimming is under way and we can always do with more parent help. Please let your grade teacher know if you can help out. Our last day is Monday and then we have our House Sports next Thursday 16th February. We will also need parent support on that day for a number of jobs. Mr Nick Besley has been running the Swimming Program for us this year.

**School Council Elections**
We will be holding our elections in the next few weeks. Please consider being part of our School Council. We are calling for nominations from Monday 6th February. Nominations close 20th February. If you would like more information please ask at the office. Our first School Council Meeting is Wednesday 29th February.

**Active After School Communities**
Active After School starts next week. This is a free program funded by the Commonwealth Government. On Tuesday nights there will be Cricket activities with Ange Cannizzo, Wednesday nights Taekwondo activities with Jackie Smith and on Thursday there will be Soccer activities with Sinead Allen and Lauren Cain. Each night there is a free afternoon snack. The activities run from 3.15pm until 4.15pm. All coaches are accredited by the Active After School Co-ordinator Mark Lindsay.

**School Banking**
The Bendigo Bank is offering School Banking again this year. Banking registration day is Monday 27th February. The bank is donating $500 to the school to support our programs. Their theme for this year is “Fitness for Life”.

Kind regards
Wendy Inman
Principal
Swimming Sports

Our house swimming sports will be held next Thursday 16th February. As this is a high participation event we would like to remind parents and children that everyone goes in all events. Those children who need assistance can swim the laps in any fashion they wish. When they participate in each event they are all awarded points for effort. The team who has the most “TRYERS” is often the house that wins. All parents are invited to this great day to see the progress of our students during our Swimming Program.

LIBRARY NEWS!!

Welcome back!! As there as some new students starting Accelerated Reader this year it is a good time to remind everyone about the websites that are useful for students using our Star Reading program.

www.arbookfind.com.au

This website lists all books that have a quiz attached to them. If your child has a book at home that they would like to read as part of Star Reading, they can visit this site to check if there is a quiz available in their reading range. This is a great site for checking favourite authors and series to see if quizzes are available for particular books.


AR Home Connect allows parents and guardians to check on your child’s progress towards goals and targets in Accelerated Reader. Enter the above address in your browser then enter your child’s username and password they use at school for Star Readers. This will bring up a summary of the books your child has read and the scores they have received for their quizzes.

If you have any queries about Star Readers, please do not hesitate to contact me in the library. Cheers, Jo

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HOUSE CAPTAINS THAT WERE ELECTED TODAY

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TUESDAY LADIES TENNIS

There will be an Autumn Competition to begin Tuesday 21st February. A practice/sign up morning will be held on Tuesday 14th February 9am-10.30am. New players and beginners are most welcome. All games to be played at the Mirboo North Recreation Reserve courts on Tuesday mornings. A team is rostered on duty to look after pre-school children and babies. For more information please contact Lesa on 5668 2722.

MNFCN - Junior & Senior Netball

Training for Junior and Senior netballers interested in playing for the Tigers Netball (MNFNC) commences at 6.00 pm Thursday 6th February at the Recreation Reserve. If unable to attend or for any queries please contact Angie Rogers on 56681362 at the Primary School OR Kim Shiels on 0419360480.

ART NEWS

Just a reminder that Art Smocks or shirts are required by all students next week please. Old shirts and T-Shirts are fine. Please put your child’s name and grade on their Art Smocks. Thank you!

ART SHOW REMINDER

There will be a meeting tomorrow at 2.00pm in the Art Room for any people that would like to help with our Art Show pictures this year.
DESTINATION DANCE – CLASSICAL -TAP - JAZZ

Dance has commenced in Mirboo North. Classes are held on a Wednesday night at the Mirboo North Shire Hall. Timetable is as follows:

* 5.30pm – Sub Junior Classical / Jazz Class – (4 -7 year olds)
* 6.15pm – Junior Classical / Jazz Class – (8-10 year olds)
* 7.00pm – Intermediate Classical / Jazz Class – (11-14 year olds)

Term 1 - Cost $9.00 per week. Classes are limited and enrolment is essential, for details and bookings please call Bridie on 0401 506 488

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2012

Term 1 – 2012

6th – 13th February: Swimming Program Grades 3-6
16th February: House Swimming Sports
23rd February: District Swimming Sports
24th February: Parents' Club Meeting after assembly in the Staffroom
29th February: School Council 7.30 pm
7th March: Student Free Day
12th March: Labour Day Public Holiday
13-16th March: Grade 6 Camp
30th March: Last Day of Term 1

Friends of Mirboo North Swimming Pool

MOVIE NIGHT # 2
FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY, 2012
(weather permitting)

Nessis @7.15pm

Followed by High School Musical @ dusk

$5.00 entry

BBQ food & Tea / Coffee for sale
BYO Sleeping Bag, pillow, blankets etc.
Strictly No Alcohol / NO Pass Outs

Thank you for supporting MN Swimming Pool

Thorpy Blues’ Relay For Life
Party Plan Market Day
Saturday 18th February 2012
Thorpdale Public Hall - 10am - 3pm

Stalls include Local Produce and ....

Nutrimetics
Body Shop
Suay Baan Sabai
Eat Live Fresh Deli
Chocolates
Flaschengiester
Bellesque
Taste of Australia
Chef’s Kitchen
Tri Nature
Sketch for Kids
iBare Giftware
Intimo
VIK Face Painting

Gold Coin Entry - champagne on arrival
Raffle (prizes donated by stall holders)
Sandwiches/Scones/Tea/Coffee to buy & enjoy
Lucky Door Prizes every half hour

Further info: Glennie 0437189435  Sue 0407 334129

All money raised is to research a cure for cancer